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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITIES IN MEXICO CITY

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1. IN CONVERSATION DEC 7 WITH SANCHEZ GAVITO, CHIEF,
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MEXICAN DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF CIVIL AVIATION, EMBASSY TCO MENTIONED SUBJECT
MEETING AND ASKED IF ALL INVITED REPRESENTATIVES WOULD
BE PRESENT. SANCHEZ GAVITO REPLIED THAT THE BAHAMAS,
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, HAITI, CUBA, PARAGUAY, JAMICA AND
GUYANA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND FOR "ECONOMIC
REASONS." TCO THEN SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE U.S. AND CANADA HAD NOT BEEN INVITED, EITHER
TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES OR OBSERVERS. SANCHEZ GAVITO
BRISTLED AT THE VERY SUGGESTION, STATING BLUNTLY THAT
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THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO FORM A LATIN

AMERICAN REGIONAL BODY ONLY./ HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT U.S. AND CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT THIS MEETING HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED AND REJECTED BY MEXICAN DIRECTORATE GENERAL. IN LIGHT OF THIS CONVERSATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT BEST NOT TO APPROACH VENEZUELAN AND/OR NICARAGUAN REPRESENTATIVES AT THIS LATE DATE, SINCE NEWS OF SUCH APPROACH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE COMMUNICATED TO THE MEXICAN HOSTS AND OTHER DELEGATES WITH RESULTS THAT MIGHT BE UNHELPFUL. EMBASSY NOTES FROM REFTELS THAT NICARAGUAN REPRESENTATIVES TO ICAO HAS ALREADY RAISED THE QUESTION WITH THE MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVES THERE AND THAT VENEZUELAN DELEGATE TO MEXICO MEETING HAS STATED TO EMBASSY CARACAS THAT HE INTENDS TO BRING UP THE MATTER ON HIS OWN.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ONE COPY OF PRE-LIMINARY WORKING PAPERS FOR THE MEETING FROM REGIONAL ICAO REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING PROVISIONAL AGENDA, DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND ICAO REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF ECAC AND AFCAC. DRAFT CONSTITUTION, IN ITS PRESENT FORM, DOES NOT APPEAR TO BAR NEW ORGANIZATION FROM INVITING OBSERVERS TO ITS MEETINGS. THE PAPERS, PREPARED IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE ONLY, ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA CONCENTRATES ENTIRELY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF A NEW LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION BODY.
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